

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Furniture assembly device, ~~characterised by including for assembling two parts of furniture together, said furniture assembly device comprising:~~

¶ ~~One~~ a “U”-shaped prismatic box (1) ~~that includes~~ including holes (12) in its wings ~~on~~ (11) wings to fit setscrews (5) from the box (1) to one of the two parts of the furniture (4a) to be assembled and holes (13) to insert ~~the~~ rear ends of pivots (6) to the an inside of the box (1), which are secured to the other part of the two parts of the furniture (4b) to be attached: ,

¶ ~~One~~ a handle (2) fitted inside the box (1) ~~that can be moved~~ moveable lengthways between an inoperative position and an operative position. ~~This , the~~ handle (2) ~~includes:~~ including holes (21) to insert ~~the~~ heads of the pivots (61), mounting holes (22) ~~that extend after the holes (21) to insert the pivots (6) while the handle (2) slides to its~~ the operative position, oval holes (23) to insert the setscrews (5) and lower wedges (24) that drive the heads of the pivots (61) as the handle (2) moves to its the operative position, bringing the two parts of the ~~piece of~~ furniture (4a, 4b) to be assembled together ~~and attaching them~~ .

¶ ~~Means to move~~ means for moving the handle (2) on the inside of the box (1) , and ✓

¶ ~~One~~ a lid (3) to close the box (1) , and ✓

additional closing means for securing the lid to the box in a stable manner to ensure the handle slides on the inside of the box without any kind of interference, the additional closing means on the lid including slots on one wing of the lid to set tabs on the box in a closed position and a threaded hole on another wing of the lid to insert a setscrew that secures the lid by pressing an end down on an end piece of the box.

2. (Currently Amended) Device, according to ~~the previous claim 1~~, characterised by ~~the fact that~~ wherein all of the holes (12, 13) on the wings (11) of the box (1) are facing each other ~~between both wings (11)~~ to make the box (1) reversible.

3. (Currently Amended) Device, according to Claim 1, ~~characterised by the fact that~~ wherein the lid (3) has a "U"-shaped ~~prismatic~~ form to ensure the box (1) ~~can be~~ is closed using the wings of the lid (31) ~~by closing its ends and the centre~~ a center of the lid (32), closing ~~the~~ an entire lengthways side of the box (1) between ~~the~~ free ends of ~~its~~ the wings (11).

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) Device, according to Claim 4 1, characterised by the fact that wherein the additional closing means included in the box (1) consist of <sup>es</sup> ~~including~~ tabs (14) to finish one of the ends of both wings (11) and an end piece (15) to close ~~the~~ an existing opening between the wings (11) and ~~the centre (16)~~ a center of the box (1) close to the other end of the wings (11).

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) Device, according to Claim 1, characterised by the fact that wherein the means to move the handle (2) on the inside of the box (1) include a threaded hole (25) in one end of the handle (2) so that ~~the~~ a thread of a slide screw (8) inserted from the outside through a circular hole (35) made in one wing of the lid (31) causes the handle (2) to slide lengthways.

8. (Currently Amended) Device, according to Claim ~~1~~ 7, characterised by the fact that ~~it includes~~ further comprising a return spring (9) mounted on the slide screw (8) between the handle (2) and the wing of the lid (31) to force the handle (2) to slide lengthways in ~~the~~ an opposite direction to that of the tightening of the slide screw (8), placing the handle (2) in its the inoperative position.

9. (Currently Amended) Device, according to Claim 1, ~~characterised by the fact that~~ wherein projecting wings (26) finish both sides of ~~the~~ an upper surface of the handle (2) to guide ~~its~~ a sliding movement along ~~the~~ an inside of lengthways windows (36) distributed on one side along ~~the centre~~ a center of the lid (32) and on ~~the other~~ along ~~the centre (16)~~ a center of the box (1).

10. (Currently Amended) Device, according to Claim ~~1~~ 8, ~~characterised by the fact that~~ wherein the threaded hole (25) in the end of the handle (2) includes a long thread to secure the slide screw (8) tightly.

11. (Currently Amended) Device, according to the previous Claim 1, ~~characterised by the fact that~~ wherein the box (1), with the handle (2) and the lid (3), is secured to the one part of the furniture (4a) using the setscrews (5) that pass through the holes (12) facing each other on both wings (11) of the box (1) and the oval holes (23) in the handle (2).